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1. ON MAY 31, EMBASSY ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER MET WITH OSMAN JAMA ALI, MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND MARITIME TRANSPORTATION, TO TRANSMIT TO HIM A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BOB BERGAND REGARDING THE UPCOMING WORLD FOOD COUNCIL CONFERENCE IN MEXICO JUNE 12-14. OSMAN WILL BE LEADING THE SOMALI DELEGATION TO THIS CONFERENCE. OSMAN, WHO HAD A REPUTATION FOR BEING PRO-SOVIET, WAS VERY POSITIVE TO EMB OFFICER'S VISIT AND TO THE MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BERGALND.

2. OSMAN SAID HE WILL BE STOPPING FOR A VISIT IN THE US EN ROUTE TO THE CONFERENCE IN MEXICO AND ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM AMERICAN FISHING INDUSTRY AND TOUR TYPICAL AMERICAN FISHING INDUSTRY OPERATIONS. HE SAID THAT SOMALIA HAD A NEED TO EXPAND ITS FISHING INDUSTRY, AND HE WANTED TO COMPARE THE AMERICAN FISHING INDUSTRY WITH OTHERS HE HAD ALREADY TOURED IN GREAT BRITAIN, WEST GERMAN, THE SOVIET UNION
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AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HIS PRIMARY AREAS OF INTEREST ARE PROCESSING AND CANNING MACHINERY, FISHING VESSELS AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT. OSMAN SAID HE WILLING TO MEET WITH US REPRESENTATIVES EITHER THE WEEK BEFORE OR THE WEEK AFTER THE WFC SESSION AND COULD TRAVEL TO EITHER NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON. AS OSMAN AND HIS DELEGATION WILL BE LEAVING SOMALIA ON JUNE , AND WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK

CIRCA JUNE 5, HE SAID HE COULD BE REACHED THROUGH THE SOMALI MISSION TO UN IN NEW YORK OR THE SOMALI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. EMBOFF EXPLAINED IT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE TOURS IN SUCH SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, BUT SAID STATE DEPT WOULD PASS A MESSAGE TO OSMAN AT EITHER SOMALI MISSION TO UN OR SOMALI EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: EMBASSY REALIZES THIS PROVIDES LITTLE TIME TO ARRANGE SUCH MEETINGS, BUT THIS INTEREST ON THE PART OF SOMALI OFFICIALS TO INCREASE COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIY WITH THE US IS POSITIVE SIGN AND SHOULD BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION. PLS KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY PROGRAM USDOC IS ABLE TO ARRANGE.
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